

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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2. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 18, wherein the slider member includes a second notch which is adapted to engage a second protrusion formed on one of the interlocking fastening strips at a second end thereof to obstruct movement of the slider member beyond said second end.

3. (Previously Presented) The invention set forth in claim 18, wherein the protrusion includes opposed exterior sides which are adapted to become wedged between opposed interior sides of the notch to restrict disengagement of the slider member from the interlocking fastening strip when the slider member is moved toward the first end thereof.

4. (Previously Presented) The invention set forth in claim 18, wherein the notch of the slider member is formed in the intermediate body portion thereof.

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15. (Previously Presented) The invention set forth in claim 18, wherein the opposed interior sides of the notch is substantially parallel with respect to each other.

16. (Previously Presented) The invention set forth in claim 18, wherein the intermediate portion and the opposed interior sides of the notch are substantially planar.

17. (Previously Presented) The invention set forth in claim 18, wherein the intermediate portion and the opposed interior sides of the notch have generally rectangular configurations.

18. (Previously Presented) A closure device comprising:
interlocking fastening strips having first and second ends; and
a slider member movably installed upon the interlocking fastening strips, the slider member facilitating the occlusion of the interlocking fastening strips when moved towards the first end thereof, the slider member having a pair of spaced-apart side walls which are positioned on opposite sides of the interlocking fastening strips, an intermediate body portion between the side walls which is positioned upon the interlocking fastening strips, and a notch formed therein which is adapted to engage a cooperating protrusion formed on one of the interlocking fastening strips at the first end thereof to obstruct movement of the slider member beyond said first end;

wherein the notch has a generally rectangular configuration and a pair of opposed interior sides and an intermediate portion therebetween wherein the intermediate portion and the opposed interior sides of the notch converge along substantially vertical internal corners.

19. (Previously Presented) The invention set forth in claim 18, wherein the intermediate portion of the notch includes substantially vertical external corners.

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44. (Previously Presented) The invention set forth in claim 47, wherein the opposed interior sides of the notch is substantially parallel with respect to each other.

45. (Previously Presented) The invention set forth in claim 47, wherein the intermediate portion and the opposed interior sides of the notch are substantially planar.

46. (Previously Presented) The invention set forth in claim 47, wherein the intermediate portion and the opposed interior sides of the notch have generally rectangular configurations.

47. (Previously Presented) A storage container comprising:
a pair of complementary sheets;
a first fastening strip disposed along an edge portion of one sheet;
a second fastening strip disposed along an edge portion of the other sheet and disposed to interlockingly engage the first fastening strip; and
a slider member movably disposed upon the first and second fastening strips, the slider member facilitating the occlusion of the interlocking fastening when moved towards a first end thereof, the slider member having a pair of spaced-apart side walls which are positioned on opposite sides of the interlocking fastening strips, an intermediate body portion between the two side walls which is positioned upon the interlocking fastening strips, and a notch formed therein which engages a cooperating protrusion formed on the interlocking fastening strip at a first end thereof to obstruct movement of the slider member beyond said first end;

wherein the notch has a generally rectangular configuration and a pair of opposed interior sides and an intermediate portion therebetween, wherein the intermediate portion and the opposed interior sides of the notch converge along substantially vertical internal corners.

48. (Previously Presented) The invention set forth in claim 47, wherein the intermediate portion of the notch includes substantially vertical external corners.

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60. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 76 wherein the slider member includes a second notch which is adapted to engage a second protrusion formed on one of the interlocking fastening strips at a second end thereof to obstruct movement of the slider member beyond said second end.

61. (Previously Presented) The invention set forth in claim 76, wherein the protrusion includes opposed exterior sides which are adapted to become wedged between opposed interior sides of the notch to restrict disengagement of the slider member from the interlocking fastening strip when the slider member is moved toward the first end thereof.

62. (Previously Presented) The invention set forth in claim 76, wherein the notch of the slider member is formed in the intermediate body portion thereof.

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73. (Previously Presented) The invention set forth in claim 76, wherein the opposed interior sides of the notch is substantially parallel with respect to each other.

74. (Previously Presented) The invention set forth in claim 76, wherein the intermediate portion and the opposed interior sides of the notch are substantially planar.

75. (Previously Presented) The invention set forth in claim 76, wherein the intermediate portion and the opposed interior sides of the notch have generally rectangular configurations.

76. (Previously Presented) A slider member for facilitating occlusion of interlocking fastening strips when moved towards the first end of the fastening strips, the slider member comprising:

a pair of spaced-apart side walls which are adapted to be installed on opposite sides of interlocking fastening strips;

an intermediate body portion between the side walls which is adapted to be installed upon interlocking fastening strips; and

a notch formed therein which is adapted to engage a cooperating protrusion formed on interlocking fastening strip at a first end thereof to obstruct movement of the slider member beyond said first end;

wherein the notch has a generally rectangular configuration and a pair of opposed interior sides and an intermediate portion therebetween, wherein the intermediate portion and the opposed interior sides of the notch converge along substantially vertical internal corners.

77. (Previously Presented) The invention set forth in claim 76, wherein the intermediate portion of the notch includes substantially vertical external corners.

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